

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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DIRECT TRAVEL TO TOURIST PLACES UNDER NEW RULES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have removed the restrictions of using aircraft with a maximum of 30 seats to facilitate direct travel to the tourist destinations;
- (b) if so, whether the new rule does not place any size restriction on the aircraft to be used for taking the people to tourist places of their choice;
- (c) if so, whether the new norms permit the foreign tourist charters to fly into all the international airports; and
- (d) if so, the detailed guidelines finalised in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) and (b): As per the revised guidelines issued by the DGCA on 10th July, 2001 regarding operation of tourist charter flights in the case of tourist charter by Indian operators to foreign countries, although there would be no restriction on the frequency of operation with an aircraft having up to nine seats, no operator shall be permitted to operate from/to India more than six times in 90 consecutive days with an aircraft having more than nine seats.

(c) and (d): Tourist charter flight can land at all 12 international airports and four additional airports namely Agra, Jaipur, Varanasi and Port Blair. In addition tourist charter flights are also permitted to land at airports having customs and immigration facilities.